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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SALE OF AMERICAN WHEAT.

WASHINGTON, March 16.
The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a Bill permitting
the Government Grain Corporation to sell five million barrels of soft wheat
flour on long term credits to Poland, Austria and Armenia.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. WILSON.

LONDON, March 16.
A telegram from Washington says the George Washington Memorial
Association announcing Mrs. Wilson's acceptance of the Presidency
of the Association, declares that during the President's illness Mrs. Wilson
has been nurse and secretary to him as well as acting as President to a
greater degree than anybody else.

AMERICAN APPREHENSIVENESS.

WASHINGTON, March 15.
Admiral Sims has told the Senate Committee that the Navy Department
was most apprehensive in the summer of 1917 lest the enemy should
attempt a battle-cruiser raid against American troopships. Many im-
practicable plans were suggested to guard against this contingency. The
Department requested Japan to despatch a squadron of fast battle-cruisers
to the Atlantic to protect American convoys.

PROHIBITION APPEAL.

WASHINGTON, March 15.
The Supreme Court of New Jersey State will institute proceedings to
test validity of the federal prohibition act.

AN APPEAL FOR SHIPS.

LONDON, March 17.
A large meeting of steamship lines engaged in Eastern trades yesterday
considered the statement of the Shipping Controller that additional tonnage
was required to bring wheat from Australia during April, May and June.
It appears that tonnage is now required to bring a further 100,000 tons,
additional to the 200,000 tons which the Eastern liner companies recently
arranged to bring. It is understood that Australian lines have allocated
all possible tonnage; therefore the brunt of providing additional shipping
falls on the companies trading with India and the Far East. It is believed
they expressed readiness to do everything practicable in this direction.

INDIAN MOSLEMS AND TURKEY.

LONDON, March 21.
A delegation from the Khilafat conference at Calcutta waited on the
Prime Minister at Downing Street and urged the restoration of the
territorial status quo in Turkey, including the undisturbed presence of
the sultan as khalifa at Constantinople, and no transference
of authority over moslem holy places. The delegation
emphasised the desirability of fostering Indian moslem
friendship. Mr. Lloyd George, replying, referred to Turkey's declaration
of war on Great Britain in the midst of the most terrible struggle in history,
whereby the war was prolonged for two years. We were not going to
abandon in the case of moslem countries like Turkey the principles we
had ruthlessly applied to Christian countries like Germany
and Austria. The same independence would be given to Mohammedans
as to Christians. The principles of self-determination would be applied to
the non-Turkish peoples hitherto under Turkish rule. In the interests of
civilisation the Allies were bound to exercise control over Armenia, where
the Turks had shown incompetency to protect their own subjects, who had
been massacred wholesale. He stressed the fact that Indian moslem opinion
had been largely considered in the settlement of the Turkish question.

MARIE TEMPEST COMPANY.

THE DUKE OF KILLICKRANKIE.

Miss Marie Tempest, Mr. Graham
Brown, and company, performed the
romantic comedy "The Duke of
Killickrankie" at the Theatre Royal
last night. This engaging play was
written by Captain Robert Marshall.
The plot relates to the love of the
duke for an obstinate young lady
who is unable to make up her mind
whether or not to accept the ardent
lover. By a ruse the duke abducts
her and carries her away to his castle
in the Highlands of Scotland for
detention until he has won her over.

The devotion of the love-lorn duke
and the defiant attitude of the young
lady create an amusing situation,
and afford opportunity for clever
dialogue and repartee.

A friend of the duke, Pitt Welby,
M.P., who yearned for the love of
Mrs. Mulholland, weakly widow
of a "Glue King," aided in the
abduction, and the wily Welby
also contrived that the young
lady should be brought to the castle as a
chaperone for the young lady in
love might be enhanced. In spite of
difficulties and embarrassments, which
afford great amusement, as in all
love plays, all's well in the end.

The part of Mrs. Mulholland was
played by Miss Marie Tempest, who
in that actress's usual perfect man-
ner, Mr. Graham Brown reaped
honours in his presentation of the
difficult character of Mr. Henry Pitt
Welby, M.P., and Miss Dorothy
Hamilton capably interpreted the
part of the dejected daughter

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

EXHIBITION GAME.

At the recent meeting of the Man-
agement Committee of the League,
it was decided to hold exhibition
matches in both Divisions of the
league when an opportunity would
be taken of presenting the cups
to the winners of last season's
competitions. On Saturday of this
week the first of these matches will
be played, between the Hongkong
Club, winners of the 1st Division,
and a team, chosen from the Rest
of the League. By special courtesy
of the Club Committee the Club
ground and stand will be entirely
handed over to the League for
that afternoon, and all pro-
ceeds will be devoted to the League
Funds. The Club team will no
doubt be weaker than it was when
it went through the League defeat-
ed; but, on the other hand, the
R.G.A. and Navy have lost practically
all the useful men who helped them
last season. An excellent game
should be witnessed and a record
crowd is expected provided the
weather is fine.

of the Countess of Pangbourne, Mr.
Roger Barry, enacted creditably.
The minor parts were very well
played, and the play was much
enjoyed by those who had the
privilege and pleasure of viewing it.
The "Glue King" is not to be repeated
tonight, and Hongkong might be
lent its gaze, and support in this
talented organization, the equal of
which rarely comes here.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

DARING BROADWAY ROBBERIES.

New York, March 16th.
A band of robbers daringly held up two
jewellery stores in Broadway this evening
and decamped with thousands of dollars
worth of diamonds and jewellery. While
the thoroughfare was crowded with
theatre-goers three bandits entered one
store, and held the crowd at bay with
revolvers, while they emptied the trays
of jewels into a bag. Then they escaped,
shooting a pedestrian who attempted to
interfere.
The bandits entered the second store,
threw pepper into the eyes of the jeweller's
clerk, grabbed the trays of jewellery and
escaped.
It is not known whether both the bands
were identical. Two suspects have been
arrested.

PEACE TREATY IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.
Although the Senate's vote adopting the
reservation to Article Ten showed a two-
thirds majority it does not mean a two-
thirds majority for the ratification of the
Treaty, as the majority for the reserva-
tion included a score of irreconcilable
Anti-Ratificationists.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.
With the object of re-uniting the Re-
publicans in the Senate, Senator Lodge
introduced an amendment to his sub-
stitute reservation which provides that
among international controversies the
United States would refuse to interfere
in all controversies relating to territorial
integrity and political independence.

CREDIT FOR GERMANY.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.
A Private Bill has been introduced in
the House of Representatives to extend a
credit of \$1,000,000,000 to Germany for
the purchase of food and raw materials
in America.

LINER AGROUND.

New York, March 16th.
The Ward liner *Esperanza* bound for
New York from a Mexican port ran
aground on Madagascar Reef off Pro-
greso. The engines have been disabled,
and two vessels have gone to assist the
liner.

SITUATION IN TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 16th.
The city was occupied this morning by
 Allied troops under the orders of General
Mina.
There was no trouble in the city, every-
thing being normal and quiet.

SUBMARINE AGROUND.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., March 15th.
Submarine O-1 ran aground in Magdalena
Bay, and Lieut.-Commander Webb and
three men of the crew were drowned.

PANAMA CANAL.

WASHINGTON, March 15th.
The Panama Canal has been closed to
deep draught vessels, exceeding 224 feet
owing to a landslide. It is believed that
the delay will shortly be overcome.

JACK DEMPSEY AFFAIR.

LONDON, March 15th.
The Times' New York correspondent
says that Government detectives have dis-
covered an alleged plot to abduct the wife
of the boxer, Jack Dempsey to Mexico to
prevent her testifying when her husband
is tried on a charge of evading military
service. Bert Gardana, a friend of
Dempsey's, has been arrested in this con-
nection.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, March 20th.
The Army Estimates for 1920-1921, which
will be considered in the House of Com-
mons on March 22nd, just issued, show a
total of £128,000,000 as compared with
£124,000,000 in 1919-1920.
The men on the Establishment, exclu-
sive of India, are 525,000 as compared
with 528,000 in 1914-1915 and 520,000 in
1919-1920. The number 525,000 is expected
to fall, during the year, to about 520,000.

BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

BOMBAY, March 4th.
All the cotton mills, except three, are
now working.

ANTI-TRUST OPERATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 12th.
Despite the recent decision of the
Supreme Court that the Steel Corporation
has not violated the Anti-Trust Law, the
Department of Justice announces that it
intends to proceed against all alleged
Trusts.

"TO SAVE HER SOUL."

ANNAPOLIS, March 15th.
Mr. Daniels, addressing the Midship-
men at the Naval Academy, urged that, in
order to save her soul, America must
undertake some great task for humanity,
as for example, help to secure peace in the
Balkans, accept the mandate for Turkey,
or aid in the development of Mexico,
Central America and South America.

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, March 16th.
The State Department has submitted to
the Supreme Council a definite plan for
opening commercial relations with Russia
without recognizing the Soviet. No de-
tails are obtainable at present.

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at (Edinburgh) No. 29, Cameron
Road, Kowloon.
The Whole of The
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc.,
therein contained.

Consisting of:—
Massive Oak Marble-top Sideboard,
Dinner Wagon, Large Extension Dining
Table with Leaves, Oakwood
Overmantel, Bookcase, Hallstand, etc.,
a large quantity of Linen and Tea
Crockery, etc., Oak Wardrobes, Three
Single Beds, Three Marble-top Wash-
stands and Bureaus, Shanghai Baths
and Commodore, Diver & Stove in good
condition,
And
About 300 Potted Palms and Plants.
On view from Tuesday, 23rd inst.
Catalogue will be issued.
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Hongkong, March 23, 1920.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell
(For Account of the Consignor),
The Yacht
"ERIN"

as she now lies off Ah King's Slipway.
Further particulars and inspecting
orders may be obtained from the under-
signed.
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, March 23, 1920.

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from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
23rd inst., will be subject to rent.
All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Undersigned
on or before the 30th inst., or
they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
23rd inst., at 10 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Hongkong, March 17, 1920.

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INTIMATIONS

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
a GENERAL MEETING of the
Members of the above Club will be
held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Company, Ltd., Des Voeux
Road Central, Hongkong, on the 23rd
of March, 1920, at 5.15 p.m., to consider
the financial position of the Club
and other matters as detailed in the
notice posted in the Club premises
at Happy Valley, Fanling and
Deep Water Bay.

NOTICE is also hereby given that at
the same time and place certain Resolu-
tions as detailed in the notices posted at
the Club premises at Happy Valley,
Fanling, and Deep Water Bay, will be
proposed an Extraordinary Resolutions.
Should they or some of them be passed
they will be submitted for confirmation
as special resolutions to a further Ex-
traordinary General Meeting which will
be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Committee.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 12, 1920.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS of the above Com-
pany will be held at the Office of the
General Agents, Pedder's Street, on
WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving
the Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
10th to 24th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, March 5, 1920.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the
Company, St. George's Building, No. 6
Connaught Road on SATURDAY,
the 27th March, 1920, at 11 a.m. for
the purpose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1919, and electing a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY the 20th March, 1920,
until SATURDAY, the 27th March,
1920, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 10, 1920.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of Shareholders will be
held in the Office of the Company, 2
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on
SATURDAY, 27th March, 1920, at
Noon, for consideration of the Direc-
tors' Report and Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1919.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED
from the 19th to the 27th March, 1920,
both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 16, 1920.

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9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Superintendent of Police,
Hongkong, March 22, 1920.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING of the
Members of the Hongkong Club, will be
held in the Club House on MONDAY,
March 29th, 1920, at 5.30 p.m.
By Order,
C. S. P. HAY,
Chairman.
Hongkong, March 19, 1920.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the Members of the
Hongkong Club will be held in the
Club House, Connaught Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the Twenty-Ninth day of March, 1920,
immediately after the Yearly General
Meeting, when a Resolution as detailed
in the notice exhibited in the Club
House will be proposed as an Extra-
ordinary Resolution.

Should the Resolution be passed by
the required majority it will be sub-
mitted for confirmation as a Special
Resolution to a Second Extraordinary
General Meeting which will be subse-
quently convened.

Dated the 19th day of March, 1920.
By Order of the General Committee,
C. S. P. HAY,
Chairman.

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

ENTRIES for 1st and 2nd Divisions
of the above League close on
March 31st.

Representations of Clubs entering
are requested to attend a Meeting to be
held in the Hongkong Cricket Club
Pavilion on March 31st, at 5.15 p.m.
A. O. BROWN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 20, 1920.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

TO-MORROW

WEDNESDAY, March 24th.
TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m.
DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, March 27th.
TEA DANCING from 4 to 7 p.m.
DINNER DANCE from 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 28th.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS during
Tea and Afternoon Tea.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the
Members of the HONGKONG
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE will be held on MONDAY,
March 29th, 1920, at 4 o'clock precisely,
in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILD-
ING, for the following purposes:—
1. To receive the Report and Ac-
counts of the Committee for the
year ended 31st December, 1919.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General business.
By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 16, 1920.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A NEW CLASS for "BEGINNERS"
will commence on MONDAY,
6th April, 1920, if sufficient support be
forthcoming.
Application for enrolment and en-
quiries regarding hours of School, Fees,
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By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
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Hongkong, March 16, 1920.

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THE Undersigned has received instruc-
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THURSDAY, March 25, 1920,
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& Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
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(more or less damaged by seawater)
A Large Quantity of Tinned
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Condensed Milk, Chili Sauce, Sardines,
Barley, Apples, Salmon, White-Figs,
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Soda, Almonds, Lentils, Spices,
Apricots, Raspberries, Jelly, Pancake
Flour, Pearl Barley, Chocolate, etc., etc.

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past week by an extremely low
sterling exchange. This reached a
lower level than ever before, and at
one time had the effect of putting
a definite stop to the importation of
cotton here. Liverpool ceased buy-
ing temporarily and caused an
extremely excited market in New
York, prices falling rapidly. Although
there has been a slight recovery
these rates are lower than a week
ago but at Liverpool they have of
course risen somewhat through the
weakness of the exchange. It
will be seen from these facts what a
very far reaching effect the Ameri-
can exchange is having on cotton
prices and it is very evident that any
material improvement in this must
have a very prompt effect in lower-
ing values. There does not however
seem much likelihood of this taking
place for some time to come. In the
yarn and cloth markets, a fairly
extensive and varied enquiry is still to
be noted from almost all outlets. The
position is however unchanged, produc-
ers generally still declining to under-
take further heavy engagements,
and this, together with the difficulty
of delivery time, has again had the
effect of reducing transactions to
more or less minor importance.
The general tone remains very
healthy and prices are firm and still
moving against buyers. China en-
quiry has been somewhat more ex-
tensive. India business has been ex-
tremely varied but again of consid-
erable importance. Java and Singapore
have also operated but the Near East
and Egypt show a falling off in enquiry.
South America and the Home Trade
have been more active. The need of
an adequate supply of raw cotton is at
present exciting a great deal of inter-
est in the whole industry. We have
relied, and still do so, on the Ameri-
can crop, and it has become very
apparent that we are now in sight of
a serious scarcity unless the acreage
under cultivation in the States is very
largely increased. This is very ap-
parent indeed when it is remembered
that out of a crop of 11,000,000
Bales as last year, the normal con-
sumption by America would be
8,000,000 Bales. If present high
prices are maintained for the next
month or two, it is almost certain
that the area under cultivation for
cotton will be very largely increased
in America, but a fall in values at
this time, and a consequent limita-
tion of cotton cultivation in conse-
quence would create a serious out-
look in the very near future.

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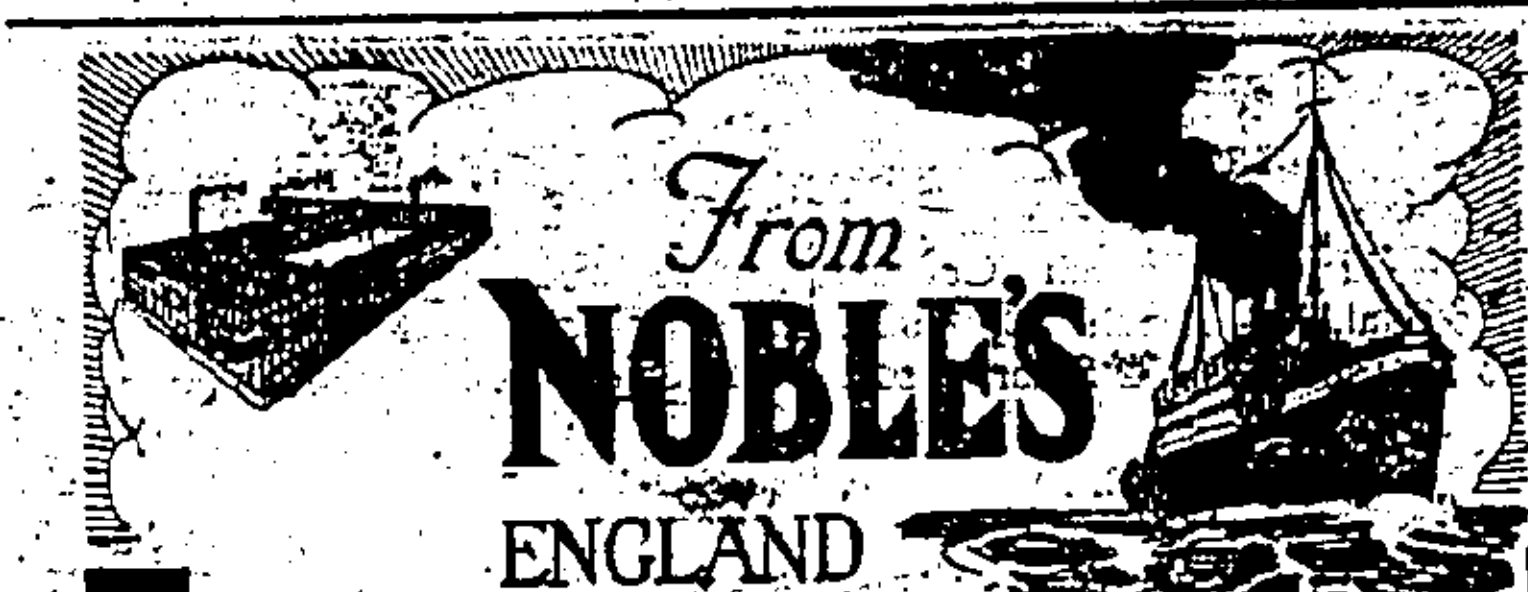
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BIRTH.
SUTOR.—At the French Convent Hospital, on March 22, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutor, a son.

MARRIAGES.
 March 16, at Hongkong, Margaret Alice Brodie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brodie, of Greenock and Shanghai, to Philip William Blackwell, of Kettering, Northamptonshire.

JENSEN-COFFIER.—On March 12, at Shanghai, between Jens Marius Petersen, Denmark, and Eugenie Louise Coffier, of Arnes, France.

SILAS-GUBBAY.—At Shanghai, Mena Silas, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Silas, of Shanghai, to Cecelia Gubbay, elder daughter of Mrs. M. Gubbay, of Shanghai.

DEATH.
SUTOR.—At the French Convent Hospital, on March 22, 1920, the beloved infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutor.

The China Mail.
 "TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
 HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1920.

WAR MEMORIAL AND DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

We had imagined that the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone would by this time have learned to be chary in his public references to newspaper criticism, since it cannot be claimed that his adventures hitherto have been exceptionally happy or fortunate. The *China Mail*, as a vehicle of public opinion, is open to the expression of all views, popular or unpopular, without of necessity sharing them. It is well known, for instance, that we frequently disagree with our talented contributors who call themselves the Adversarian. Sometimes we disapprove his opinions; often we dislike his methods of expression; but on the whole, we find that his effusions manage to hit the popular taste. At last night's meeting of the War Memorial Committee, at which Jardine's taipan took the extraordinary step of appealing for a vote of confidence in reply to Saturday's adversarial Mr. Johnstone was careful to attack an accusation

fore-urgent need here in Hongkong. Long before there is room for constructive criticism here, there must be a lot more of the destructive sort than we have so far had. We have to destroy the local custom of "hole-and-corner" cut-and-dried settle-everything-in-committee procedure. This very war memorial is a case in point. The committee was appointed to receive suggestions, sort and consider them, and eventually to present their recommendations to a public vote. The public will have to pay for it. What do we find? Mr. Johnstone's committee rejecting the majority of public suggestions, publicly made. A sub-committee going to the Governor and actually asking for a definite site. The Governor and Executive Council "backing" the "sentiments and proposals" of the sub-committee, as if that mattered. In this matter the Governor and Executive Councilors can have no status other than that of subscribers. We find it settled—"no breach of faith" in mentioning that it is "thought likely"—that the simple and appropriate monument is to cost \$300,000. This public memorial, with the most solemn associations, is to be put where they have the garish lantern shows, when governors come or go, when armistices are celebrated, and so on. It will have beating upon it the more or less harmonious sound waves of "For he's a jolly good fellow," whenever the budding taipans feel like a binge. Would it not be better (this is constructive criticism) if we are not to have the useful memorial that the majority of the public want, to erect a simple and appropriate cenotaph in the sacred enclosure of Stanley Cemetery, where there is already heroic company? So might Stanley Cemetery get some of the care it is entitled to. There might go the people who do not take a frivolous view of such a memorial, to meditate, to mourn, to pray. There already (mark this who are apt to forget what happens to war memorials and war enthusiasts) lie lads who died for their country, forgotten among weeds, most disrespectfully neglected. Above all (and this again is constructive criticism) consult the public that is to be asked to pay for it. Hongkong is tired of being "called" to receive the "decisions" of small coteries of men. It was understood all along that it would be allowed a say in the matter. If it is allowed this—this is a challenge—the *China Mail* will promise not to appeal to it for any "vote of confidence." It will say only to the public: "Here is your opportunity. Now please yourselves."

ADVERSARIA.

Assume that some one you love is dangerously ill, and that you have sent for the doctor. If that doctor comes dressed in medieval robes, with a hat such as Galen wore, the sandals of Hippocrates, the serpentine staff of Aesculapius, and prances round doing a lot of mumbo-jumbo before getting to work, what are you going to think? Well, the body politic is very sick. The country we love needs medicine. And the papers are full of rant about "the splendid colouring" of the opening of Parliament, with its ancient ceremonies and pre-war tomfoolery. What fools we all are to endure it.

OUR CIRCUMLOCUTORY WAYS.

We feel rather like the Chinese prisoner in the jail breaking case now on. He said "I did it," and when they entered that as a plea of "not guilty," he said: "It is no use doing this sort of thing." He wants to be banged without fuss, and get it over; but the fuss is part of his punishment. As if to emphasise this aspect of roundaboutness, the Judge told a busy business man who tried to beg off the jury that this was "an important case." Further to round it off, when they have banged a man they hold an inquest to find out why he died.

AMERICA BELIEVE THERE IS AN ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DEMOCRAT AND A REPUBLICAN, AND TAKE NO INTEREST IN THE PARTY POLITICS OF ANY COUNTRY, WE DO SEE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONE STATESMAN AND ANOTHER, WHEN IT STICKS OUT FAR ENOUGH.

Our sympathy is wholly with President Wilson, who has been simple enough to suppose that one honest man could prevail over a world of crooks. In Paris he fought a lone hand against the European crooks of diplomacy, and emerged with a sort of Bux-Kerrison decision. Then he found himself up against party politics, and having been badly knocked about in Europe, lost his mental equilibrium and became obstinate. We believe our American friends are mistaken in clinging to the Monroe Doctrine, but we also believe that a good American, whether Democrat or Republican, is right to knock auto-

cracy on the head wherever he sees it. Our pro-tem ambassador Grey has pointed out that "it would be possible for a President in some future years to commit the United States, through the league, to a policy which the legislature at that time might disapprove. That contingency is one which cannot arise in Great Britain, where the government is directly responsible to the House of Commons. The United States has the reason, and, if it so desires, the right to provide against that contingency. If the outcome of the long controversy in the Senate is to offer co-operation in the league, it would be the greatest mistake to refuse that co-operation because of the conditions attached to it." It is generally understood that this admission will have cooked the President's goose so far as the Treaty controversy is concerned.

ALSO MANY "NASTY" THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID ABOUT THE AMERICANS AND THEIR "RESERVATIONS."

—so completely justified by Lord Grey, whom men regard as honest—it is advisable to emphasise another of his sayings. He says that all persons must realize the feeling created by the statement that the United States, with several millions more English speaking citizens than the whole British Empire, should have only one vote, while the British Empire has six votes. As a matter of fact, before and most assuredly after the armistice, France and Britain tended to behave as if they were the whole shooting match, and to arrange things too much to suit their own ideas of their own overwhelming importance. In the end, they bit off more than they could chew, and it is they who now secretly desire modifications of the Treaty, but are afraid of the reproaches of their constituents. It was obvious from the first that they could not reduce the economic power of Germany and at the same time make Germany pay reparations, yet they promised the mob both, and the few of us who protested were at once dubbed seditionists. They could not hang the Kaiser and at the same time preserve the respect of the proletariat for divine right, so they spared the Hohenzollern neck, and made little Holland the scapegoat. The capitalists have now discovered that instead of demanding indemnities from the Germans, the proper thing in their own interests is to pay the Germans to get back to work. They wanted America to do it, and were foiled there. Now watch for the coming loan to Germany, and a rapidly rising mark. Roubles won't be in it.

REAL MONEY IN THE WORLD HAS DRIFTED TO AMERICA.

The German indemnity contributions are credits—not real money. European countries cannot sell those credits in America, because the Germans have not got to work producing yet, and the security is therefore not good enough. France (and incidentally Hongkong) is in no hurry to see the sixty or seventy million Germans producing again. They consider that it is better to forego the indemnity and profit by the absence of competition. Whether this can be done with so many millions of energetic people thwarted and simmering with the worst kind of politics remains to be seen. Some of the economists are saying that it cannot, and bad times are prophesied even for America.

IT IS GRATIFYING TO FIND IN THE TIMES AMBASSADOR TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SELECTION OF A BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

It is gratifying to find in the *Times* Ambassador to the importance of the selection of a British Ambassador to Washington. It is no use sending an influential fool to America, and the choice should not be limited to men who happen to have private fortunes sufficient to support them in this office. Several times we have seen the name of Auckland Geddes mentioned in this connection, and have quipped at the thought that the war seems to have made no difference to the old ramp. The *Times* speaks of him directly as "manifestly unfit." Washington can be no dumping ground for unpopular Ministers, or for others whose claims are of a party or a personal kind. If *The Times* will stick to that line of talk it will find itself on a good wicket. Not all the brains in Britain are in Lloyd George's pocket, nor tied to the Gang.

IN SOME COUNTRIES, NOTABLY BOLSHIEVISTIC RUSSIA AND ANTI-BOLSHIEVISTIC AMERICA, THEY ARE "DOWN ON" THE LOAFER, THE IDLER, THE CONTEMPTIBLE PHILOSOPHERS WHO HAVE DISCOVERED THAT LABOUR IS A FALLACY AND A BORE.

This does not seem fair. It will be admitted fairly widely that Heaven sets earth a good example, and there by all accounts work is barred. The angel stands, a crown upon his forehead, and a harp within his hand, which does not sound like work. This, of course, is not a picture of Conan Doyle's heaven, where they manufacture inter alia, spiritual clothes and spiritual cigars. It is the regular

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY'S

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THE WAR MEMORIAL.

"FINEST SITE" TO BE UTILISED.

RESENTMENT AT PRESS CRITICISM.

Members of the General Committee of the Peace Celebration and War Memorial met at the City Hall last evening for the purpose of considering the proposal to erect a monument in commemoration of the war on a suitable site.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., presided and there were present: The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stubb, O.B.E., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chupak, Mr. S. B. C. Ross (Hon. Secretary), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, Major L. G. Bird, Messrs. F. Maidland, M. S. Northcott, W. S. Brown, J. Taylor, G. C. Maxon, J. A. Plummer, H. Percy Smith, H. P. Winslow, J. Scott Harston, D. K. Moss, H. J. Geddes, C. L. Sanders, W. A. Dowley, A. G. Cippin, M. J. D. Stephens, L. N. Lae, A. O. Lang, G. M. Young, W. Nicholson, A. E. Crispell, J. L. Crookan, C. H. P. Hay, T. E. Pearce, A. Mackenzie, R. H. Kowlewall, J. M. Noronha, Ho Kwong, Li Po-kwai and Mok Wing-yu.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, this meeting has been called to place before you the decision arrived at by the War Memorial Sub-Committee which has also been submitted to and adopted by the Executive Committee. As the Hon. Mr. Johnstone is chairman of that Committee and attended the meetings of the Executive Committee he is consequently thoroughly conversant with all that happened at both meetings, and I will ask him to explain to you what has been done.

The Hon. Mr. Johnstone said: Gentlemen, the present position is as follows: The Committee of which I acted as Chairman dealt at considerable length with the various schemes that had been put forward suitably to commemorate those who had fallen. The suggestions that the memorial should take the form of a new City Hall, a new road, a bridge over the harbour, a Soldiers and Sailors' Club, public hospital, etc., have been rejected for the reason that such objects were considered to be matters which reasonably came under the heading of municipal undertakings and moreover entailed raising a very large sum of money which might be difficult of accomplishment now, or in the near future. Further, such schemes did not express the feelings, which actuated the decision to erect a memorial, as they were of a nature calculated to benefit those who remained at the expense of those who would never return. The Sub-Committee, therefore, unanimously passed a resolution: "That the memorial should be in the form of a simple but appropriate monument to the dead on a suitable site in the Colony." Discussion followed as to suitable sites and after the Public Gardens and other localities had been ruled out as not being sufficiently conspicuous, a Sub-Committee was appointed to meet H.E. the Governor, with a view to obtaining, if possible, the site on the sea front opposite the Law Courts generally referred to as the "finest site" in the Colony. Prompt acceptance of the Committee's proposal and ready acquiescence by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council to surrender the site for the scheme put forward, enabled the original Committee to advise the Executive Committee that they unanimously felt that an appropriate monument to those who fell in the war, erected on the "finest site" in the Colony, would most fittingly mark our appreciation. Those gentlemen were the sentiments expressed and the proposal that is now put forward. They are backed by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council and they are further unanimously approved by the War Memorial Executive Committee. It is for you, members of the General Committee, to say whether or not you approve of our joint proposals. These are put forward after due and careful consideration has been given to the various schemes suggested, and I trust they will meet with your unqualified support. Should they do so, the matter will then pass automatically into the hands of the Finance Committee whose duties will be to consider ways and means. It will be no breach of good faith and will probably remove a good deal of misapprehension if I say at once that it is thought likely that the monument ultimately erected will cost in the neighbourhood of two to three lakhs of dollars, from which it will be seen that we at least propose to erect something which will be a fitting tribute to those who left this Colony never to return. The question of a Chinese memorial arch to be erected in the native quarters of the city is also being considered by the representatives of the Chinese community serving with us and we all trust that it will be found possible to erect this arch in a position where as large a number as possible for the native population of this island will be able to see it, it being felt that the Chinese, who possibly realise the meaning of such emblems better than we Westerners do, may comprehend in a small measure what the War has meant to us and to them. When the

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 5s. 2½d.

A meeting of the C.E.M.S. will be held to-night in the Chinese Language School at 9 o'clock. Mr. W. R. Barney will speak on Jerusalem.

A house boy employed by the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, was this morning charged before Mr. N. L. Smith, with unlawfully destroying some flowering plants on the Peak. He admitted the offence and was ordered to pay a fine of \$4.

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THE WAR MEMORIAL.

"FINEST SITE" TO BE UTILISED.

RESENTMENT AT PRESS CRITICISM.

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The Chairman said: Gentlemen, this meeting has been called to place before you the decision arrived at by the War Memorial Sub-Committee which has also been submitted to and adopted by the Executive Committee. As the Hon. Mr. Johnstone is chairman of that Committee and attended the meetings of the Executive Committee he is consequently thoroughly conversant with all that happened at both meetings, and I will ask him to explain to you what has been done.

The Hon. Mr. Johnstone said: Gentlemen, the present position is as follows: The Committee of which I acted as Chairman dealt at considerable length with the various schemes that had been put forward suitably to commemorate those who had fallen. The suggestions that the memorial should take the form of a new City Hall, a new road, a bridge over the harbour, a Soldiers and Sailors' Club, public hospital, etc., have been rejected for the reason that such objects were considered to be matters which reasonably came under the heading of municipal undertakings and moreover entailed raising a very large sum of money which might be difficult of accomplishment now, or in the near future. Further, such schemes did not express the feelings, which actuated the decision to erect a memorial, as they were of a nature calculated to benefit those who remained at the expense of those who would never return. The Sub-Committee, therefore, unanimously passed a resolution: "That the memorial should be in the form of a simple but appropriate monument to the dead on a suitable site in the Colony." Discussion followed as to suitable sites and after the Public Gardens and other localities had been ruled out as not being sufficiently conspicuous, a Sub-Committee was appointed to meet H.E. the Governor, with a view to obtaining, if possible, the site on the sea front opposite the Law Courts generally referred to as the "finest site" in the Colony. Prompt acceptance of the Committee's proposal and ready acquiescence by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council to surrender the site for the scheme put forward, enabled the original Committee to advise the Executive Committee that they unanimously felt that an appropriate monument to those who fell in the war, erected on the "finest site" in the Colony, would most fittingly mark our appreciation. Those gentlemen were the sentiments expressed and the proposal that is now put forward. They are backed by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council and they are further unanimously approved by the War Memorial Executive Committee. It is for you, members of the General Committee, to say whether or not you approve of our joint proposals. These are put forward after due and careful consideration has been given to the various schemes suggested, and I trust they will meet with your unqualified support. Should they do so, the matter will then pass automatically into the hands of the Finance Committee whose duties will be to consider ways and means. It will be no breach of good faith and will probably remove a good deal of misapprehension if I say at once that it is thought likely that the monument ultimately erected will cost in the neighbourhood of two to three lakhs of dollars, from which it will be seen that we at least propose to erect something which will be a fitting tribute to those who left this Colony never to return. The question of a Chinese memorial arch to be erected in the native quarters of the city is also being considered by the representatives of the Chinese community serving with us and we all trust that it will be found possible to erect this arch in a position where as large a number as possible for the native population of this island will be able to see it, it being felt that the Chinese, who possibly realise the meaning of such emblems better than we Westerners do, may comprehend in a small measure what the War has meant to us and to them. When the

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BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

GRAY QUALIFIES FOR FINAL.

In the presence of a large gathering of billiard enthusiasts at the V. R. C., last night, Mr. S. Gray, met and defeated Mr. S. K. Kwok, in the semi-final of the competition for the Billiard Championship of the Colony. Both players started very carefully, and played very consistently, but Gray who assumed the lead from his first visit to the table, kept in front of his opponent throughout the game. At the interval, he led by only 20 points, the scores then reading: Gray, 320; Kwok, 300. At the resumption, Gray made breaks of 50, 35 and 34, but Kwok kept well at his heels, and gradually reduced the big lead Gray had amassed. It was not until the 600 mark was reached that Gray, who was up to then leading by only 20 points, won any material advantage over his opponent. He slowly but steadily forced ahead, and when the 700 mark was reached, he was leading very comfortably, and by means of some very excellent billiards, he finished strongly 98 points, in front of his opponent. The final scores were: Gray, 750; Kwok, 654. Gray has now qualified for the final, and will meet P.A. Yvanovich to-morrow night, when the game will be 1,000 up. A very keenly contested match is anticipated.

Finance Committee has duly considered "ways and means" it is hoped that local artists as well as the very best men at home will be given a chance of submitting designs and when these have been received the suggestion has been put forward and, I think it is a good one, that those persons only who contribute to the funds to be collected for this memorial shall be entitled to vote for the design they consider most appropriate.

There is one other matter remaining to be dealt with gentlemen. All Committees are subject to adverse criticism in some quarter or other, and I will not say that such criticism is always undeserved or unlooked for, as it is a well-known fact that one cannot please everybody. To be of assistance, however, criticism must be constructive not destructive. It is extremely easy to be kind wise, but it helps nowhere. Whilst the decision of the War Memorial Committee has received the general approval of a majority of the Press, it is accused in one organ of putting forward a scheme having for its object the benefit of the Hongkong Club only. Now, gentlemen, I have spoken to none of my Committee on this subject, but, as Chairman, I look on this as a gratuitous insult not only to myself but to those gentlemen who have served with me, not all of whom are even members of the Club. I do not believe that this represents the general views of any section of the community, but before proceeding any further with this meeting I must ask you for a vote of confidence. Do you consider that these two committees have unanimously brought forward this proposal with the object of benefiting themselves, or do you believe that they were actuated by the desire to see that those who have left us shall be fittingly remembered? (Applause.) I want you to signify in usual manner as to whether you consider this committee has carried on its duties to the best of its abilities. (Applause.) Kindly hold up your hands.

On some of the members not voting Mr. Johnstone observed, "Those who are not with us are against us," a unanimous vote resulting.

Mr. Johnstone: Gentlemen, the question is now open for discussion, and I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put to the best of my ability. If any gentleman has any criticism to make on the scheme, we shall be extremely pleased to hear him, and, if possible, convince him that he is wrong. The Hon. Mr. Pollock said: Perhaps I ought to mention, as it has not been before the Committee at all yet, that as chairman of the Finance Committee, since we held our meeting the other day, I have received from Major Bird, who has been kind enough to write to me on the subject, a rough estimate of the cost an obelisk on the "finest site" accompanied by a colonnade. The cost will amount roughly to \$300,000; foundations \$60,000; buildings \$200,000; bronze panels etc. \$20,000; contingencies \$10,000; a total of \$290,000, or, say roughly \$300,000. This letter with a plan was received by me only on Saturday morning, and I thought I ought to mention it to the meeting now, seeing that Major Bird has taken so much trouble in the matter and estimates the cost roughly at three lakhs of dollars.

Mr. Johnstone: If no one has any further remarks, I will ask the Chairman to put the proposal to the vote.

The Chairman put the proposal to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

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CAN THE REVOLUTIONISTS GOVERN SIBERIA?

[China Mail Interviews]

In an interview with an American Red Cross surgeon, who is passing through Hongkong on his way to the United States, there was a note of encouragement that the revolutionists of Siberia might be able to establish and maintain a firm national government.

This surgeon travelled across Siberia twice in connection with Red Cross work, and states that the living conditions in the interior for the peasant class are abject in the extreme. Food, clothing and fuel, all are very scarce, and the far-famed rouble, at the time he last visited the interior, was valued at three hundred to the gold dollar.

In spite of rumours which have persisted, that the Czar and his family were not killed at Ekaterinburg, the American Consul there, who dwelt very close to the late Czar's residence, stated that he was as sure as any man could be, who was not actually present at the scene of the murders, that the entire family had been executed.

With the Koltchak government fallen, the only system of government remaining in most parts of Siberia, is the community government. Contrary to general belief, the Red Cross officer states that the country is not generally of the Red or, true Bolshevik party. Most, not in the Red Army, are of the Social Democrat, or of the Co-operative Parties.

Some communities are held by the Social Democrats, who believe in representative government and are the remnants of the same party which forced the Duma, or Parliament, upon the old Imperial Government. Others are in the hands of the local citizens, who form co-operative societies for government, hold town meetings, decide their own laws and operate their own trade.

The Co-operatives are really the people who are keeping Siberia alive, as they go in for trade, buying and selling, thus creating opportunities for work, for circulation of currency and for supplies of food, clothing and fuel to be obtained.

Where the true Bolsheviks, or Reds, rule, it is a case of seize, eat all there is on hand and then starve, or else resort to plunder and loot.

The officer stated that he believes, along with many others, that if the Allies will withdraw and leave the country to itself, order will be restored and, possibly, a firm Siberian national government can be established.

All of the Allies are supposed to be withdrawing as fast as conditions will allow, but it is rumoured that the Japanese are still holding on and that many of them are buying up property but, for what purpose, no one seems exactly to know.

The vast quantities of military stores formerly stacked up at the Vladivostok terminal are rapidly being removed, and the seaport itself is beginning to stir into action; to take on a semblance, commercially, of its former busy self.

Water transportation for troops leaving Siberia is said to be adequate, but inland transport arrangements are very bad.

So little coal is being mined that trains cannot operate over the Trans-Siberian Railway in anything like the number needed for the rapid evacuation of Allied troops.

From what this officer said it was gleaned that conditions, while certainly bad enough, are not half so bad now as they were six months or a year ago.

It is believed that if no untimely outbreaks take place, the Co-operatives will be able to establish their community governments on a business basis and from them develop a firm confederation for purposes of national government, at least for Siberia, even if not for Western Russia.

The tendency seems to be to break away from Western Russia altogether and form a new country.

The Red Cross depended entirely upon German and Austrian prisoners of war for their labour. These prisoners were glad enough to work for the Red Cross as, while so doing, they were comfortably housed and well fed. The officer stated that there was estimated to be about 200,000 of these prisoners in Russian prison camps when he first went in, but, as fast as an encampment was taken by the Reds, the prisoners were released.

In summing up it might be said today that conditions under the Revolutionists, while bad enough, are certainly not so bad as some of the writers on things Siberian would have us believe.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SEQUEL TO WARDER SPEED'S MURDER.

At the Criminal Sessions yesterday, presided over by the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice H. Gompertz, Mok Sing, alias Ching Kwong, was arraigned on the indictment of murdering Warder Speed on December 15, 1919.

The prisoner made the following statement:

After the evidence of the various witnesses and the Judge's summing up, the jury, without retiring returned a verdict of "guilty." Asked if he had anything to say the prisoner made a long statement in the course of which he referred to the conditions which existed in the gaol. He first of all admitted that he "did the deed" and said the other prisoner, No. 791 was in the shoe-maker's shop, where he had been for seven years, serving a sentence of ten years' imprisonment.

Continuing he said, "That prisoner has always complained that he did not get enough food. I myself have been badly treated, not having good food and clothing. The warders assaulted the prisoners for no reason at all. We were given uncooked rice, and the quantity was less than that to which we were entitled. They were always being assaulted. The Government had some good regulations. They supplied the prisoners with rice, tea, sugar and oil, but we were given 'rotten' fish and food. The clothing was too thin for them to bear the cold weather. The cloth was the same thin stuff as that produced in Court. Condemned prisoners were supposed to be served with certain quantities of special food for thirty days, but they did not get this food until a few days before their execution. When the prisoners grumbled they were assaulted. The prisoners of all nations, with the exception of Chinese, were supplied with sufficient clothing and food. Mr. Franks did not look after things properly. Tobacco was sometimes smuggled into the gaol. Even if a man did nothing

wrong Mr. Franks used to punish him by taking off six taels from his pork allowance. Prisoner admitted having made the key produced in Court, but had only done so at the request of prisoner No. 791, who told him he would rather be killed outside the gaol, after he had escaped, than be killed inside. That was because he was so badly treated. He tried to dissuade No. 791 from escaping but when he saw that No. 791 was determined he agreed to go with him. On the morning in question prisoner No. 850 came to his door and handed him a dagger and said "Be off." Number 791 and a short sentence prisoner, who was only serving one year, went inside the Chief Warder's office and killed the Chief Warder and then took his revolver. When they came out the Indian who had also been stabbed was making a noise and so they stabbed him to death. Prisoner then appealed to the jury and the committee who visited the gaol to see that sufficient clothing and food was supplied to the Chinese prisoners. That was all he had to say.

The Judge, before passing sentence, told the prisoner that his statement had been taken down and would be forwarded in due course to H. E. the Governor. He then assumed the black cap and passed sentence of death.

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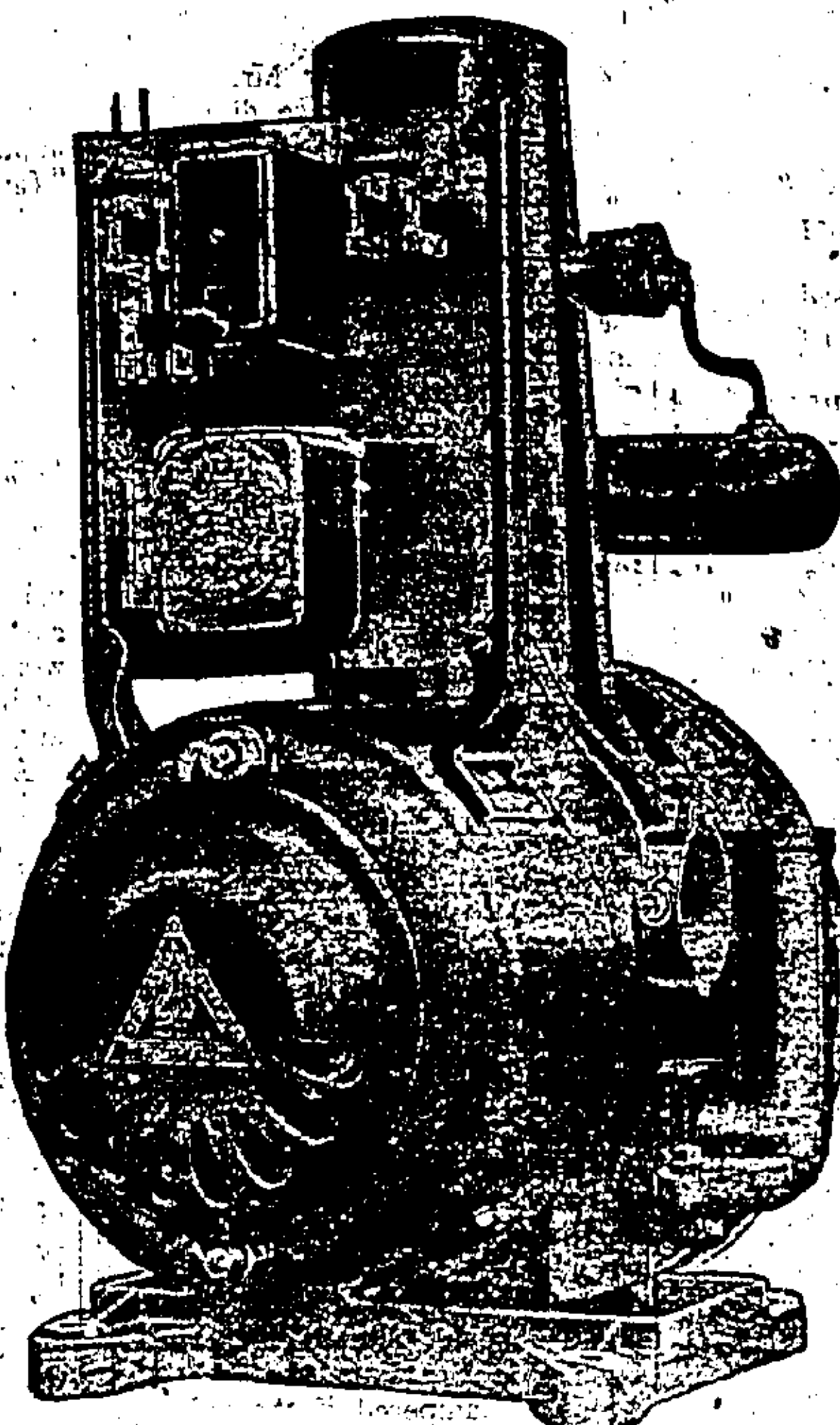
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THE SHA GHAI COTTON MFG. CO., CASE.

The case was continued in H. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai on March 15, taking the form of a trial, before His Honour Judge Sir Haviland de Saumarez, in which Mr. F. N. Matthews and other shareholders in the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., sued the company for the company for an injunction restraining it from selling the undertaking of the company to any other company not subject to the jurisdiction of that Court and receiving in compensation for such sale shares or other like interests in the purchasing company, otherwise than in compliance with the provision of Section 185 of the Companies' Ordinance. The case arises out of the scheme to sell the property of the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., to a Japanese company to be formed all the shares in which, with the exception of 10, would be held by the defendant company, a proceeding to which the applicants object.

Mr. D. McNeill, with whom was Mr. E. L. Hartopp, appeared in support of the application, and Mr. R. N. Macleod, with whom was Mr. Lipson Ward, appeared for the defendant company.

Mr. McNeill, in his opening, said the scheme for the sale of this company was, roughly speaking, an attempt to oppose, or resist the recent Order in Council requiring that the management of a China Company should be British. The Order in Council said in effect that there must be a change of management of the company. The company replied that they were of a contrary opinion and that they did not intend there should be any change of management. Quoting from the circular addressed to shareholders, counsel said that his Lordship would see that after referring to the Order in Council, and stating that the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was a China company and that the management was in the hands of a Japanese company, the circular went on to state that the Order provided for pains and penalties if its requirements were not carried out and stated: "The directors feel confident that you will agree that a change of management is not desired."

Counsel thought he might say with regard to the circular, that it appeared to him to be not intentionally but in fact, misleading, because it was quite clear that the publication of the Order in Council did not leave the company with only two alternatives such as were there stated. It seemed to him that it would have been very much fairer to the shareholders to have told them, in the first place, that they might have British management as stated in the circular, and in the second place, that if they wished to retain Japanese management it was a thing they could not do but that they would have to wind up the company altogether and become shareholders in a Japanese company having that management, and then possibly it might have been fair that as a third alternative the second on the circular might be given.

Counsel then referred to the speech made by Mr. R. N. Macleod at the extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the company and remarked that the advantages which his learned friend then said would be obtained by the shareholders in the British company under the scheme were somewhat illusory and, if the shareholders carefully considered the remarks which Mr. Macleod made to them, they would have come to the conclusion that he had not advanced any substantial argument in favour of the scheme. Referring to a remark passed by his Lordship at a previous hearing about driving a coach and horses through an Act,

counsel said the present scheme seemed to him to be something entirely different. The going through an ordinance, going round it and at the side of all visible obstacles was a matter of skill, but the present scheme was something like the action of a Chinese servant who has broken the five-coloured vase and mended it with soap so that it might still be an ornament to the living room. The first was a skillful operation, the other was an unsubstantial thing, a trick or device by which something that was not real was made to look real.

Counsel then read, in addition to the affidavit filed first by Mr. Matthews, further affidavits comprising the evidence in the case.

A second affidavit by Mr. Matthews stated that he and his co-partners represented or held proxies or promises of support from the holders of 7923 and, out of the 4850 remaining shares held by other than Chinese and Japanese shareholders, 3,152 were registered in the names of the three British directors. He was informed and believed that one of the directors, namely, Mr. H. E. Morris, had contracted to deliver at the forthcoming March settlement not less than 3,100 shares to persons whom he, the deponent, represented. Certain foreign shareholders, having sold their shares forward, had declined to take an interest in the proceedings, and it therefore followed that practically the whole of the shareholders other than Chinese and Japanese subjects were represented by himself and his co-plaintiffs who also held proxies from the Chinese owners of 936 shares.

Counsel mentioned two affidavits filed by Messrs. Horatio Robertson and E. L. Ezra in support of Mr. Matthews' affidavit, after which he read the affidavit of Mr. Keitare Kuroda, secretary to the defendant company, which showed, *inter alia*, that the shares of the defendant company were held as follows on February 20, 1920:—

Chinese subjects 5,544
Japanese subjects 22,048
British subjects and other foreigners 12,408

The deponent also set forth a list showing the dates upon which certain of the British and foreign shareholders first appeared on the register as holding shares in the company and concluded by saying: "Since the proceedings herein of February 26, 1920, the directors have fully considered the question of an alternative to the scheme which is the subject matter of this action and are now unanimously of opinion that the only alternative course in the interests of the company would be a sale for cash to the best advantage of the whole of the company's undertaking and assets. The market price of the Company's shares in Shanghai is about Tls. 335."

The affidavit of Mr. Ichiro Morita, assistant manager of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, set out the history of the defendant company, while a second affidavit by Mr. Kuroda gave evidence as to prior holdings of shares in the company in which the holders of shares had since transferred their holdings.

Mr. McNeill then proceeded to point out his clients' objections to the scheme. He said that the majority of shareholders were Japanese and the scheme was in fact addressed to those whose interests were not identical with those of Mr. Matthews and his fellow-shareholders. The British directors, themselves, had the smallest, possible, interest in what was going to happen with regard to the scheme, and the persons, therefore, who would ultimately decide whether the scheme would be adopted or not would be the Japanese majority. The circular further said it was for the interests of the company that the management should not be changed and the effective persons to whom that was ad-

ressed were the Japanese majority again. Counsel pointed out that apart from that statement there was nothing which could be construed as evidence that there would be any injury to the company if there were to be a change in the management or that the continuance of Japanese management would be of any material benefit to the company. On the other hand it seemed clear that there would be certain disadvantages to British shareholders which they would have to face in the event of the scheme going through. If it went through, they would lose the right of saying, "We will not not become shareholders in a Japanese company."

Counsel also commented upon the difficulties which British shareholders would be in owing to ignorance of Japanese law and he also urged that there could be little doubt that if the proposed transfer of the undertaking did take place bankers' opinions as to the value of the shares of the defendant company as security for financial assistance would undergo a change. While they would regard the shares in a British company holding mills and other assets as having a certain value, they would not regard the shares of a British company holding shares in a Japanese company as being of the same class of security.

With these grievances against the scheme they came to their Lordship with the question as to whether as a matter of fact the scheme was not *ultra vires* the company. Dealing with this aspect of the case, counsel urged that the proposed sale was not a sale at all, but merely a futile attempt, the like of which had often failed, to carry out something which was not really within the memorandum of association by means of a procedure which appeared to be covered by the memorandum.

Further the proposed sale was not in pursuance of anything which could be properly called an object of the company but was a sale in the exercise of ancillary powers intended to be used for the furtherance of the company's subjects and for no other reason. The sale, he urged, was not in pursuance of the company's objects as owners and workers of cotton mills, but an improper and illegal exercise of powers given solely for the purpose of the company's business, while the sale of the undertaking to a Japanese company in consideration of the acquisition of shares was, putting it at its highest, merely a subsidiary object and as such could not be placed in the position of the main object of the company which was to own and work cotton mills. The idea of transferring to a Japanese company the undertaking of a British company came somewhat as a shock when it first came to a notice. One could not help feeling that persons who subscribed for shares in a British company ought not to expose themselves or be exposed to the risk of finding themselves shareholders in a Japanese company. The proposed sale was actually in violation of the terms of the company's memorandum of association, while at a later stage, counsel remarked that the scheme was a shameless and impudent attempt to act in direct contravention of the law as laid down by H. M. the King in the Order in Council. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha would in fact still control the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd. There was a majority of Japanese shareholders in the old company, there would be in the new, the management would be Japanese and so would the control.

Mr. McNeill further argued that there would have to be a liquidation if the scheme went through and if there was to be one the rights of the shareholders should be safeguarded. In the event of the scheme going through his clients would take every step to see that the company was wound up.

Mr. Macleod, who commenced his reply just before the Court rose, submitted that the Court would not interfere with the decision of the majority of the shareholders except for two grounds—where there was fraud and where it was shown that the majority were in fact selling to themselves. There was no question of fraud in this case nor was the majority selling to itself. The question whether the sale was within the powers of the company as contained in the memorandum of association was one of construction of a written document.

There was nothing in the law at the present time to prevent a Japanese company forming in Shanghai, owning cotton mill and running it under Japanese management. There was, also, nothing to prevent British subjects holding shares in such a company and there was, moreover, nothing in the law to prevent a British company being formed solely for the purpose of holding shares in a Japanese cotton manufacturing company. Nei-

ther the Order in Council nor the authorities which his learned friend had quoted could touch that proposition, and if a new British company could be formed to hold all the shares in a Japanese company, managed by Japanese it was ridiculous to say that the British company would have no substratum if the present scheme were carried out.

Therefore, they came back to the question of the construction of the memorandum. They resented the suggestion that they were not trying to comply with the Order in Council. Their case was that they were trying to do so. In effect they had been a Japanese company ever since it started. They had had Japanese management and the majority of the capital had been Japanese. The law said it is no longer allowed and they were now turning themselves into what they really were, namely, a Japanese company. Dealing with Mr. McNeill's contention that the proposed sale would not be in pursuance of the company, Mr. Macleod said the sale was, in fact, an arrangement to carry on with as little change as possible the very things which the company was started to do.

The case was adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS ON MARCH 16.

The case of F. N. Matthews and others v. the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was continued on March 16.

Mr. D. McNeill, with whom was Mr. E. L. Hartopp, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. R. N. Macleod, with whom was Mr. Lipson Ward, was for the defence.

Mr. Macleod continued his argument from the previous day and throughout the morning argued in support of his contention that the authorities quoted by Mr. McNeill in support of his case did not in fact support it and were, moreover, rather in support of his own case. Dealing with the point raised by Mr. McNeill as to whether the business transferred to the Japanese company could be afterwards in any way regarded as the business of the company, counsel pointed out that the conduct of the mills, the buying of cotton, its manufacture into yarn and the disposal of the latter, together with all the cotton marketing and selling business, would be the business, legally and strictly, of the Japanese company and not that of the British company whose business would be very much in the nature of secretarial work and its directors and officers would be concerned with a certain amount of money which they were at present holding profits from last year, and the shares which they would hold from the Japanese company.

The scheme, he emphasized, was not merely a device to comply with the Order in Council, but was in fact an actual compliance with the objects of the order. The order did not and could not seek to establish any sort of control on the part of that Court over the assets which were legally the property of foreign companies, and in a sense the proposed scheme relieved the Court of business in dealing with which it would be hampered if the order had not been made.

His Lordship—Why? Counsel—In the present circumstances you have a company, the actual effective control of the assets of which are in the hands of persons not subject to the jurisdiction of this Court.

His Lordship—At the present time, yes.

Mr. Macleod—It is to correct that disadvantage that the Order is made. It is not intended to bring within the jurisdiction of the Court assets which are truly the property of foreigners.

In conclusion counsel submitted that the scheme did not contravene any law and the only objection to it was that a certain section of the shareholders did not like it. That was not a good ground, but that it was the real ground was evidenced from the affidavits put forward and in the way Mr. McNeill opened his case. If it was within the power of the company to carry through the scheme proposed, and if there were no fraud nor anything like it, then it was a matter for the company's domestic tribunal and if the majority of shareholders, no matter of what nationality, were in favour of such a thing, there was no reason why the scheme should not be carried out.

Mr. Ward, who also spoke for the defendants, submitted that the whole question before his Lordship was one of law. There were two questions in law and the facts that had been brought forward were entirely immaterial to a consideration of those two questions. Counsel then referred to the manner of Mr. McNeill's opening and suggested that the latter had endeavored to create a fog of prejudice before dealing with the legal aspect of the case. A great deal had been made

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[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—Those who have been so loud in their denunciations of the verdict given by Mr. W. Logan in the recent boxing contest would do well to read what Mr. Eugene Corri, the well known referee, writes from London on February 12, on the verdict he gave in a contest between Bandsman Dick Rice and a French boxer, Paul Journee, at the Holborn Stadium recently. The match was to have been between the Frenchman and Frank Ray. At the last moment Ray could not enter into the match. Corri writes—

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of the fact that Mr. Matthews represented a great number of shareholders. If Mr. Matthews represented only himself, the case would have to be decided upon precisely the same principles, and the statement of the number of shareholders he represented did no more than to establish Mr. Matthews' bona fides. Then there was the suggestion that the directors, or one of them, had sold forward a certain amount of his holding. There was nothing in that unless the suggestion was that he had acted in support of the other directors with malafides.

His Lordship—It is only material in showing that the number of shares held by the British directors amounts to 52.

With regard to Mr. McNeill's contention that there was not evidence showing that the scheme was for the benefit of the company, Mr. Ward argued that that was a matter for the company's consideration and had nothing to do with the Court. If people cared to take shares in a company in which the majority of shares was held by Japanese they were bound to accept the decisions of that majority so long as they were in conformity with the law; the Court was not there to protect the interests of British shareholders, but to see that the company, a British company, was not doing anything which the law said it should not, while with regard to Mr. McNeill's contention that the shares in the defendant company would not rank so high in the esteem of bankers as security for financial assistance if the scheme were to go through, counsel said the banks would regard the shares as valuable if what was paid upon them was of value.

Counsel then proceeded to deal with the law on the matter after which the Court again adjourned.

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Glass is dropping fast;
Storm is brewing, curse your luck,
but—
Stay until its past.

Men, swarm up the weather shrouds;
(Danger lurks, that's true!)
Should ye shrink and time be lost—
Devil gets his due.
Man o' brains, or man o' brawn:
(Man o' both, maybe!)—
"Growl ye may, but do ye must!"
That's the Law at Sea.

—JAMES V. MURRAY.

THE PROFITEER.

The profiteer with haughty mien, fares
gaily on the streets.
He throws every now and then, a
glance to the people he meets;
He thinks he's a King, he believes
that he is right
In burdening the world with cares,
without delight.

But time will come when the mob
will choke him to death
When the outcast yearning for re-
venge, will bury him 'neath
The glittering gold he accumulated
at the cost of their sweat.
Then none of this parasite will
exist, as there awaits defeat.

The Profiteer: Why, you will al-
ways hear the cry of the outcast.
As if they mean to strangle him
when he sits on his throne
Of gold, ne'er thinking his hardness
of heart made them against:
Yea, behold the outcast that claim
riches their own!

—ESANIP.

Hongkong, March 21.

THE HARBOUR OF HONGKONG.

Count the funnels if you can,
Count the masts, that mark each ship,
Count the launches and the fishing
junks
That throng the waters' slip—
No, you'll never count them, brother,
For the number is too great—
'Tis the harbour of Hongkong, old
top,
South China's open gate.

'Tis the harbour of Hongkong, my lad,
And Britain holds the key
To the tonnage vast of imports
That comes sailing o'er the sea.
Come they from the Young Americas,
Japan, or Europe old,
There's no limit to the ocean craft
That Hongkong's harbour'll hold.

Yes, 'tis blue beneath the Tropic sun
And shadowed by the hills,
And Victoria's tall peaks protect
The shipping from all ills.
Is a haven of security
From tempests of the sea,
And in Hongkong and its harbour
grand
My heart will ever be.

—J. V. M.

BIG ARMS SEIZURE.

Another big seizure of arms and
ammunition, which beat that made
by Chief Preventive Officer "Jack"
Wildin, recently, by 27 revolvers and
many rounds of ammunition, was
made on board the s.s. "Nanking"
by Sergt. Clarke of the West
Point Police on Sunday evening.
Acting on information received,
Sergt. Clarke boarded the vessel,
which arrived from America on Sun-
day morning, and with some *fohis*
searched the ship for contraband.
After a long and tedious search, they
were awarded "for their pains."
In the stern of the ship,
the Police came across
49 revolvers and 4,000 rounds of
ammunition concealed between
decks. As in the case of the Em-
press seizure, the searchers were
unable to discover the would-be
smugglers, but they brought their
haul away with them. This is
another "back hander" for those
local gamblers, who must find
favour with our Police. They are
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THE HUMPHREY BISHOP CO.

When Mr. Humphrey Bishop left
Hongkong with his first opera com-
pany which had highly successful
run at the Theatre Royal he left
behind a number of pleasant asso-
ciations, his return being looked for-
ward to with considerable interest.
He is now at the Victoria Theatre
with an operatic company. He has
been rewarded with good houses and
has deserved them. The company
offers a varied selection of musical
fare—from operatic gems to the
latest "rags." There is something
for all. Last night the first half of
the programme consisted of ex-
cerpts from Faust. How well
the performance acquitted them-
selves could be judged by the
manner of the applause at the con-
clusion of every item. To pick at
random a few of the pieces rendered
mention might be made of "Even
Bravest hearts" by Walter Kingsley,
"Flower Song" by Louise Meadows,
the "Jewel Song" by Marcelene
Boulais, and Mephistopheles's Serenade
by Mr. Humphrey Bishop, but prob-
ably surpassing all in dramatic effect
was the trio from the prison scene.
In this Marcelene Boulais, Maurice
Jeffrey and Humphrey Bishop took
part. It was an inspiring rendition
well worthy of its rapturous recep-
tion.

As for the vaudeville every
single item was splendid, the
ragtime quartette especially
being popular. Harry Avondale
seems to play the piano from any
position and his antics put a lot of
life into the "rag." Nancy was
excellent in song and dance entitled
"Toytown." Gela Hardie and Harry
Avondale went through an amusing
duet vowing that they would love
each other no matter what happened.
A more serious item was the famous
"Barcarolle" sung by Louise Meadows
and Walter Kingsley. Their voices
blended nicely and the piece was
given with much expression. The
performance concluded with a sketch
"The Joss Man." In this the Joss
Man allows five wishes to be fulfilled.
What scope for a sketch! It is taken
full advantage of. The Company
gives its last performance to-night.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Taga Maru" Captain H.
Mohri, 1,478 tons, arrived yesterday
at 4 p.m. from Keelung with 2,800
tons of coal.

The s.s. "Chinhua" Captain Speed,
1,417 tons, arrived yesterday at 6.30
p.m. from Saigon with 1,600 tons of
general cargo.

The s.s. "Madras" Capt. G. Simp-
son Jones, 4,236 tons, arrived
yesterday at 7 a.m. from Singapore
with 2,246 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Sunning" Capt. Wm.
Benson, 1,570 tons, arrived yesterday
at noon from Amoy with 75 bags
and 43 baskets of mail and 510 tons
of general cargo.

The s.s. "Haimun" Captain C. E.
Cage, 641 tons, arrived yesterday at
1.15 p.m. from Hoichow with 2 bags
of mail and 600 tons of rice, matting,
and sundry cargo.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Robin Gray" Capt. Wills,
sailed for Cuba via Honolulu at 4
p.m. to-day with 8,000 tons of rice.

The s.s. "Methven" Capt. James,
sailed for Singapore at 4 p.m. to-day
with 600 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Tanning" Capt. Milne,
sailed for Manila via Amoy at 4
p.m. to-day with 1,000 tons of general
cargo.

The s.s. "Moriata," Capt. Walker,
sailed for Foochow via Swatow at
2 p.m. to-day with 600 tons of
general cargo.

The s.s. "Hanoi" Capt. Morvan,
sailed for Haiphong via Kwong Chow
Wan (and Hoikow) at 10 a.m. to-day
with 800 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Jacow" Capt. J. H.
Corcoran, sailed for Calcutta via
Saigon at 6 a.m. to-day with 1,000
tons of general cargo.

There were 15 cases of influenza
last week, one fatal.

Last week's disease. Notifiable
cases—smallpox 11, (imported
Russians), diphtheria 1, typhus 4
(imported Russians), cerebro-spinal
fever 9. In the subsequent 48 hours,
diphtheria one, enteric one, and c.s.
fever four.

"Bella Sprée" writes in strong
praise of the Humphrey Bishop show
at the Victoria Theatre—last night
to-night. We regret we have no
room for it. She recommends the
music and the acting, and accuses
the orchestra of being too noisy.

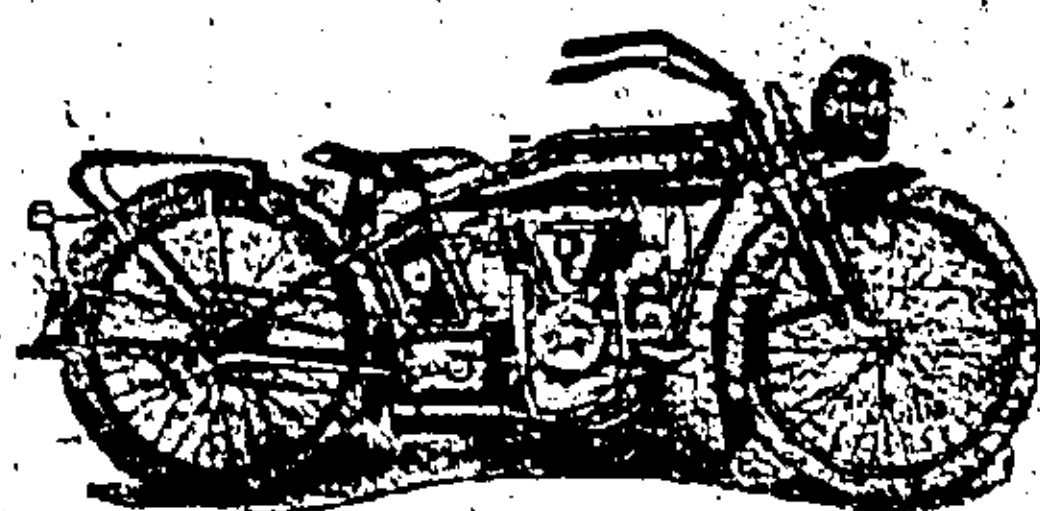
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ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY?

An armed robbery is reported to
have taken place at No. 3 Paddington
Street, off Percival Street, Wanchai,
in broad daylight yesterday. A
Chinese woman, an inmate of the
house, reports that at about 2.30
p.m., yesterday, whilst she was alone
in the house, the other inmates having
gone to work, she heard a knock at
the door, and opening it, saw four
men, who said they had come to re-
pair the partition of a cubicle. As
they spoke to her, two of the intruders
pushed their way into the house, and
one of them, producing a revolver,
threatened to shoot her if she raised
an alarm. The other man who stood
behind her, threw a rope round her,
and after binding her arms and feet,
he gagged her, and dumped her in a
corner. The other men then entered,
and together, they ransacked the
house and stole clothing, money and
jewellery to the total value of \$223.30.
When they had left the house, the
woman managed to free herself of her
bands, and pulling the gag out of her
mouth, she rushed out to the veran-
dah and called out "save life!" The
neighbours took up the alarm, and
Police whistles were blown. The
Police came on the scene promptly,
and gave chase to the robbers, and
succeeded in catching two of them.
The other two, including the man with
the revolver, made good their escape.
Daggers were found on the persons of
both the arrested men, but none of
the booty was recovered. The Police
are now on the track of one of the
two escaped men, who, according to
information received, is in hiding in
Yau Ma Tei. The two captured men will
be charged to-morrow morning.

ANOTHER CASE.

The Wanchai Police had a very busy
time yesterday afternoon. About a
quarter of an hour after the Padding-
ton Street robbery, just as the excite-
ment was simmering down, they were
again called out, this time to Bowen
Road, where a highway robbery was
reported to have taken place. They
turned out to the scene at once, and
there found that the case was more
serious than they had expected. They
had to remove two injured men, who
were alleged to have been stabbed by
the armed robbers—six in number.
They took them to the station, whence
the motor ambulance was phoned for.
The facts of the case to hand, are as
follows: A Chinese woman, her amah
and friend went to Bowen Road to
visit a joss house on the hill side, to
pay sun (chin joss). After paying due
homage to their gods, the women
retraced their steps to the road, just
as they left the foot path, and got
into the road, they were accosted by
six men, who fell upon them, and pro-
ducing knives, ordered the defenceless
women to part with their valuables.
Whilst one man held the amah, two
of them attacked the lady, and snatch-
ed from her wrist two gold bangles
and a wrist watch. They also tore
her coat, and from the pocket of an
inner coat they took \$30. The amah
and the lady's friend were also re-
sisted. When the highwaymen had
made sure that they had taken every-
thing of value from the women, they
threw them on the hill side, and coolly
walked away in the direction of
Wanchai gap. Recovering from her
fright, one of the women raised an
alarm, and two men, attendants of the
temple, came down the hill, armed
with stout sticks, and rescued the
robbers. Being outnumbered, these
plucky men were quickly disposed of.
In the struggle, they were stabbed by
the desperadoes. One of the victims
received a cut in the left arm, sever-
ing an artery, and a stab wound in
the back, just below the shoulder
blade; whilst the other was wounded
once on the back. When the Police
arrived on the scene, the highwaymen
had already disappeared, and having
enough to do to remove the wounded
men, and the much shaken women to
the station, they did not give chase.
On arrival at No. 2 Police Station, the
man with the severed artery was re-
moved to the G.C.H. by Sergt.
Nicoli, of the traffic department, who
happened to pass the station on his
usual rounds on motor bicycle. The
other man was detained in the station
until the arrival of the motor ambu-
lance. The condition of both men
was, on examination at the hospital,
found not to be dangerous, and al-
though the one with the severed artery
had lost a lot of blood, he is expected
to survive. Immediately on the ar-
rival of the wounded men at the
station, a strong posse of men were
sent out to scour the hill side for the
desperadoes, but they had already
made good use of the start they had
received, and were nowhere to be
found. On the hill side, near where
the struggle took place, Sergt. Cockle
recovered a bunch of keys belonging
to the Chinese lady, and thrown away
by the robbers.

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EXTRAORDINARY STORY.

At the Magistracy, before Mr. R.
O. Hutchison, this morning, Sergt.
Macdonald charged an elderly Chi-
nese with attempting to murder a Wo-
man by poisoning.

The defendant pleaded "not guilty."

Outlining the case briefly, the
sergeant said the defendant is 83 years
of age, and the father-in-law of the
widow, who lived alone with her daugh-
ter and a niece. According to the
woman's story, the defendant was in
the habit of going to her house and
pestering her for money. She
supplied him with money for a time,
and then refused to give him any
more, as she thought he was a
nuisance. A few days ago, he
again visited her, and pressed
her for a loan, but she
refused, and he went away angry. Yester-
day, whilst she and her daughter
were out, the defendant, so the niece
alleged, visited the house, and
finding the complainant was not in,
he took a small flask out of
his pocket, and emptied its contents
into the jar in which the drinking
water was kept. The niece saw him
doing it, but pretended to be igno-
rant of what had occurred, and
allowed the defendant to depart.
As soon as the complainant
learned, on her return to the house,
that the drinking water had been
tampered with, she suspected
poisoning, and informed the Police.
The water was analysed, said the
sergeant, and it was found to
contain arsenic acid, which was a
deadly poison. It was fortunate that
the complainant's niece saw the
defendant tamper with the drinking
water, or the whole household would
have died as the result of drinking
the poisoned water.

Mr. Agassiz who appeared for the
defence, said he was not prepared
to go on with the case, and asked
for a remand.

The case was remanded for a week.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Shingo Maru* left
Japan first half of March, and is due
at this port on the 24th inst.
The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tamaki Maru* (European
Line) left Singapore for this port
on the 20th March and is ex-
pected here on the 23rd March.
The P. & O. s.s. *Madras* will leave for Shang-
hai, Moji, and Kobe on or about
Wednesday 24th March, Daylight.
The R.M.S. s.s. *Montague* arrived at
Shanghai on March 20, leaves there
21st March, due at Hongkong on
24th March.
The N.Y.K. s.s. *Nippo Maru* (Australian
Line) left Manila for this port on
the 20th March, and is expected
on the 23rd March.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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BURGLARS.

When a Chinese was this morning
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Rednaxella Terrace at 3.30 a.m., he
pleaded "guilty."

Replying to the interpreter's ques-
tion as to why he went there, he said
"to steal, of course."

The Police said the defendant was
found on the first floor
of the house, by Mr.
Henry Sequeira, the occupier of the
flat. Mr. Sequeira detained him and
sent for the Police and had him
arrested. The prisoner had in his
possession at the time of his dis-
covery by Mr. Sequeira, a pair of the
latter's shoes in his hand.

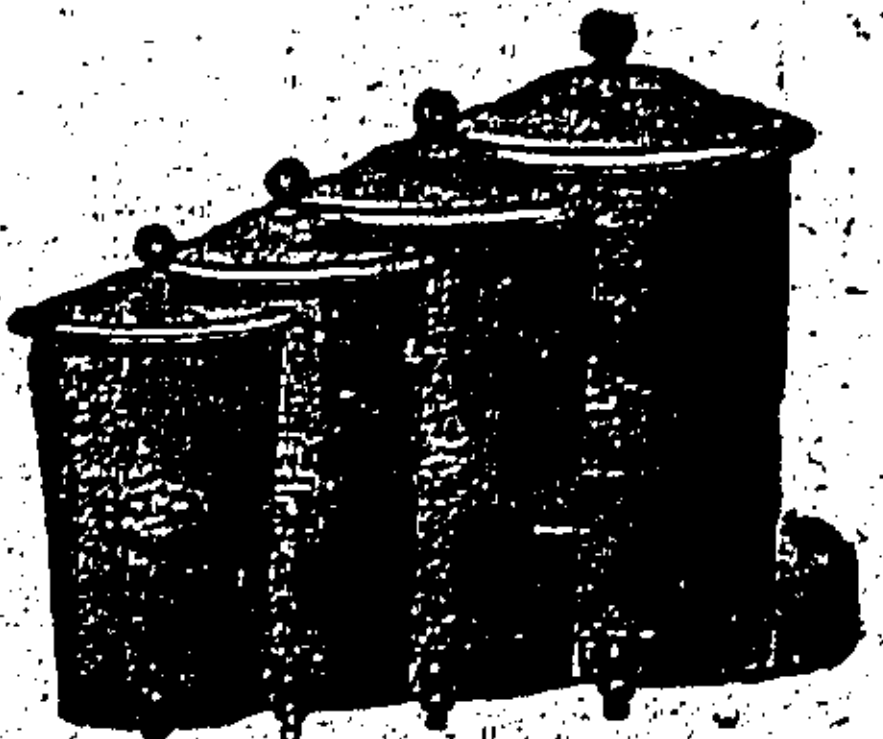
When taxed with regard to the
shoes, the prisoner said they were
his.

Mr. Smith enquired how the
prisoner gained admittance to the
flat, and the Police suggested that he
must have climbed up some railings
at the back of the house.

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